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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 and supplementing the two prior IDS documents submitted at filing and on December 1, 2005, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the additional information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies are provided. This submission is timely in that it is made prior to a first action on the merits of this application. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Document D1 in the SG report, US 2003/0021298 was cited as document AA in the IDS of December 1, 2005. Document D2 in the SG report, US 5854873 was cited as document AA in the IDS at filing. Thus, neither of these documents in duplicatively provided. However, although JP 11-110915 was cited as document BB in the IDS as filed, it appears that a machine translation was provided with the SG search report. Thus, it is submitted for its machine translation.

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